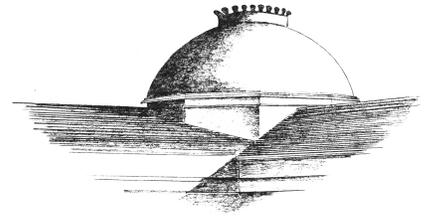
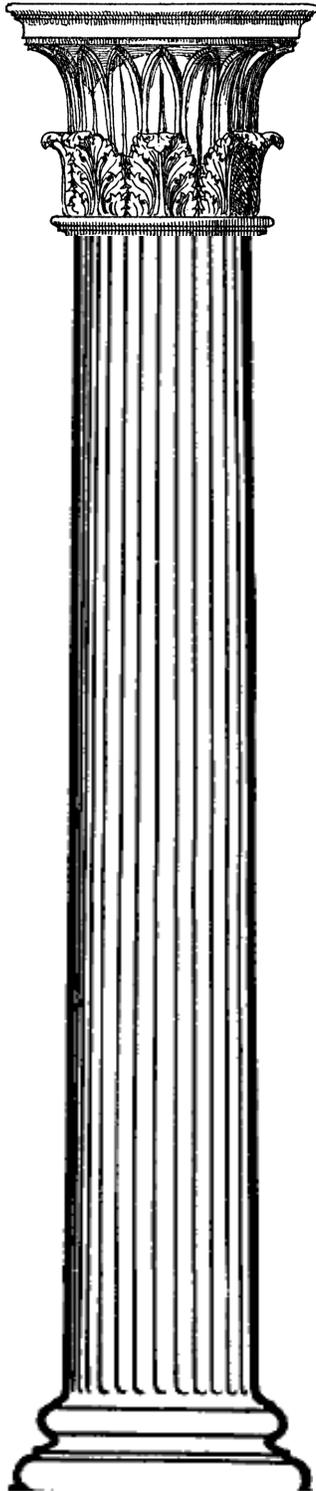


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State Capitol Brings Civil War Home Front to Life for 2nd Saturday Event

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The State Capitol will host a living history event to demonstrate what life was like for citizens of Raleigh living on the Civil War home front in the summer of 1862. The free event will take place Saturday, **June 9**, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Visitors can visit a re-created Confederate post office, learn about Raleigh's several hospitals from a re-enactor playing the part of a surgeon, or attend a soldiers' benefit concert in the historic House Chamber performed by the Huckle-



Reenactors from the 6th NCST will set up a recruiting station at the Capitol. Photo courtesy of Rick Walton

berry Brothers string band.

Costumed interpreters will demonstrate and help patrons try their hand at

many of the skills women carried out to aid the war effort, including knitting, sewing, spin-

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Save the Date for these 2nd Saturday Events



July 14: State Library's 200th Birthday

The State Library, now celebrating its 200th anniversary, started off as a small collection held in the State House, and later the State Capitol. Join staff for special tours of the recreated library on the 3rd floor of the Capitol and see an exhibit of rare books from the library's earliest days. 1- 4 p.m.

August 11: Gov. Vance's 1862 Inauguration Bash

Meet a costumed interpreter playing the part of NC's most famous Civil War governor and hear his inaugural speech as he prepares to take office in the midst of the great war. 1 p.m.

Dear Friends,

There are no words to express to you how much you've touched my heart during these past couple of weeks as my family and I have been struggling to deal with and accept Cecil's illness and death.

We're overwhelmed with the number of cards, calls, visits, memorials, food and most of all with your care and concern. When I saw our volunteers sitting together at Cecil's memorial service, it brought even more tears to my eyes.

I've always said we have the best group of people anywhere and you have proven that once again. I will never forget how our staff and volunteers have cared for me, done my work for me, listened to me and given support in every way. This is the saddest time in my life but having friends like all of you are helping make it a bit less painful. My love and thanks to you.

Love, Cathy

Capitol to Dedicate Five New Outdoor Benches

The Capitol will host an unveiling and dedication ceremony for five new outdoor benches on Wednesday, June 13, at 11 am on the south plaza of the grounds.

The benches were sponsored by the staff members of Governor Perdue, former Governors Martin, Holshouser, Kerr Scott, Robert Scott and Secretary of State Thad Eure.

The Carolina Bronze foundry in Seagrove, NC, manufactured the benches, which are modeled on the current iron benches on the square that date from the 1890s.

Docents are welcome to attend!

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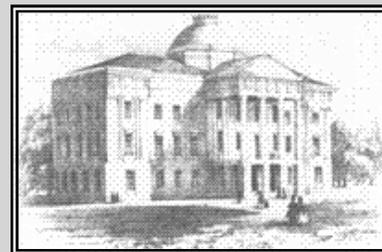
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Home Front *continued from front cover*



Linda Humphries demonstrates sewing by hand.

ning, carding wool, bandage rolling and more.

The 6th North Carolina State Troops will operate a Confederate recruit-

ment station on the grounds while demonstrating drilling and parade instruction typical of a soldier's earliest lessons upon joining the service.

This event is part of the North Carolina Civil War Sesquicentennial, a commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War in North Carolina.

The event is also part of the Department of Cultural Resources' 2nd Saturdays summer programming series which showcase North Carolina's culture, heritage, and arts. For a complete schedule of more than 100 2nd Saturdays programs across North Carolina, go to www.ncculture.com or call 919-807-7385

Volunteers Needed for July 4th Celebration

If you will be in town and would like to help out, we could certainly use you!

The Capitol is open during the annual July 4th event (11am-3 pm) and docents are needed to stand in the House and Senate to greet visitors and answer questions. Call Cathy to sign up!

